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## RESENTS "PARAGON OF JAILERS"

Governor McDonald Says There is Nothing Concealed or Covered Up About the Penitentiary, "NOW?"

### NEVER ASKED FOR COMMENT FROM SANTA FE PAPER

In an article which appeared in the last issue of the Carrizozo News headed "Governor Voices a General Opinion" and signed by W. C. McDonald it is rather amusing to see what a weak argument the governor puts up against the Outlook copying from other papers without comment, even when the proper credit is given. The article which seemed to give the governor a bad case of indigestion was taken from the Taos Valley News, was headed "Paragon of Jailers" and was published in the issue of June 23 of the Outlook, dealing with the manner in which the penitentiary has been conducted during the regime of John B. McManus, as warden, and is as follows:

#### THE PARAGON OF JAILERS

Among the fortunate mortals must be included the present warden of the state penitentiary. He has spent one third more money yearly than either Bursum, Telford and Romero, has been more evasive, disorders, riots and incendiary fires than all of them combined, several ugly scandals have bobbed up during his administration, and the hand of famine is reported to have been laid heavily at times among the convicts, but all those drawbacks have disappeared without leaving any trace under the benign influence of constant praise and iron clad official support, and now Mr. McManus has seen himself transformed into the paragon of jailers.—Taos Valley News.

In the first paragraph of the governor's communication to the Carrizozo News in referring to the above said: "I doubt very much, whether this will fool anyone, though it is possible that some 'gullible citizens' may think there may be some truth in it. I suggest that those who might be deceived inquire about the standing of the Taos Valley News—I think the Outlook is about the only paper that wants to be considered reputable that would copy anything from that paper without comment."

Dear Governor: We might have commented on this to the extent of our entire issue but we do not think we could have said enough good things about the warden to vindicate him in the eyes of the "gullible citizens" even though he might be innocent of all he is charged with.

When one of the most inhuman complaints that could be recorded in a civilized country was filed against the warden of the penitentiary last December asking for \$45,000 damages, and charging him with wrongfully, unlawfully, violently, wantonly and maliciously assaulting a helpless convict and stripping his clothing from him, and tying him across a barrel with hands and feet securely fastened so that he could not move, and giving

him thirty-five heavy blows across the naked body, and having him thrown into a dungeon, and locked up with a tubercular prisoner, and kept in solitary confinement for many days suffering from the wounds of said blows and without any medical treatment, with the exception of one visit from a doctor several days afterwards, and only bread and water to eat. Why is it we ask? when we published this awful complaint taken from the State Record at Santa Fe and published without comment, you did not insinuate for a minute that you desired the comment of either paper nor did you question the standing of either publication at that time. Why? Can you not explain to the "gullible citizens" why you did not desire any comment on the penitentiary situation at that time.

The above article taken from the Taos Valley News was also published in the State Record at the capital city before it appeared in the Outlook and they too published it without comment. Now the "gullible citizens" may be anxious to ascertain why you did not put the State Record in the same class with us when you said "I think the Outlook is the only paper which wants to be considered reputable that would copy from the Taos Valley News without comment." There is only one answer to this question and it is this; that you did not have the courage to do so. Why? Because it would be easier to fool the people of Lincoln County in regard to the penitentiary affairs than it would the people who live in Santa Fe county and are acquainted with conditions and you dared not ask the State Record for comment. If the Taos Valley News falsified in this matter they are certainly not exempt from prosecution under the laws of the state of New Mexico and we suggest that in order to bring them to time for their maliciousness that you sue them for libel and direct the people to investigate conditions as they exist instead of calling their attention to the standing of any news paper.

However, we wish to thank you for considering the Outlook as being one Republican newspaper in the entire state that wants to be considered reputable.

The "gullible citizens" which you refer to perhaps deserve the title you give them by their actions in 1911, but in some instances people learn a great deal in five years and in November, 1916, they may prove they are not the "gullible citizens" you now brand them as being.

In the last paragraph of your letter we find these words: "The records are available. There is nothing concealed or covered up about the penitentiary NOW." "NOW" according to this, things will bear inspection around the pen. "NOW" nothing is concealed or covered up. Do you mean by the word "NOW," governor, that there was a time when things were "concealed and covered up about the penitentiary" and is it as the Taos Valley News says: "that the scandals which appeared have disappeared without leaving any trace under the benign influence of constant praise and iron-clad official support, and now Mr. McManus has seen himself transformed into the paragon of jailers?" The "gullible citizens" throughout the entire state may be glad to have you answer this question.

## HERNANDEZ SPEAKS IN MARYLAND

New Mexico Congressman in Ringing Speech in State of Maryland Says Republicans Are Sure to Win

### ALSO TELLS OF THE GREAT "SUNSHINE STATE"

The first big gun of the campaign in Prince George's county was fired in Capitol Heights Monday night by Representative B. C. Hernandez of New Mexico. Mr. Hernandez is serving his first term as a member of Congress and is making good. He is one of the best informed men in the popular branch of the great legislative body. He votes upon every proposition presented to the house and always votes on the right side. And with him the right side is the right side. He has kept tab on every move made by President Wilson since the present session of Congress convened and hence has the record made by Mr. Wilson on the tip of his tongue.

The gathering at Ryder's Hall to hear Mr. Hernandez was not as large as it would have been if but one meeting had been held, that night. A flag raising at Greater Capitol Heights, however, attracted a number of people. But the attraction was good and those present listened with close attention to the excellent address delivered by Mr. Hernandez, who spoke fifty-eight minutes.

The Congressman began his speech by telling his audience something about the faraway state he represents. He told of its growth since it assumed the dignity of statehood and of the great future which lies before it. He spoke about its great ranches, on which thousands of head of cattle and sheep feed, and of its agricultural, industrial and commercial advancement. He described, as well as any man could have done, its splendid climate with its eternal sunshine, and then he told the people of Maryland about its politics. Referring to his candidacy for Congress as the Republican nominee, he said that he had been compelled to make a hard fight to win the office from his Democratic opponent, who had held it for two terms. But in the 11th district of Maryland Mr. Mould, the Republican candidate, was already in, and in fact that he had faithfully and ably served the people should insure his election by a greatly increased majority.

Mr. Hernandez then turned to national politics and discussed in an entertaining and instructive manner the issues which Mr. Wilson has forced upon the country. His familiarity with Mexican affairs enabled him to speak at length upon the situation in that distracted country. He told his audience many things they did not know about the southern republic and its people. He then pointed out the mistakes made by the administration and showed that the policy adopted and pursued by Mr. Wilson could have no other effect than to widen the breach between the two nations and most likely lead to war. While the outrages committed by Mexicans upon citizens of the United States had justly stirred the angry indignation of patriotic

Americans in every section of the Union, it should not be forgotten that the men of Mexico have the same love for the unhappy country in which they live and which to them is their native land, that we have for the great republic born one hundred and forty years ago.

Mr. Hernandez' speech pleased the Capitol Heights Republicans mightily and when he sat down Attorney James M. Wood arose and moved that he be tendered a vote of thanks for it. Instead of expressing themselves in the usual manner, every man in the house arose and stood for a moment.

The meeting was presided over by President Gibbs of the Capitol Heights Republican Club, who introduced Mr. Hernandez in a short speech which made the southwestern congressman feel at home.—Maryland Journal, Capitol Heights, Md.

### TRADES DAY AT CAPITAN

In keeping with its policy to boost Capitan and environs the Capitan Commercial club at a recent meeting passed a resolution creating "trades day" to be held on the third Tuesday of each month excepting the opening day which will be held Tuesday July 25. This undertaking is provided for the whole people of Lincoln county and upon them does its success depend. Aside from its business and trade features it will offer a social side enabling friends and neighbors to meet regularly and witness also pleasing programs of athletic sports. Public speaking will add to the entertainment of the visitors and the various candidates for the several county offices will be invited to furnish this portion of the program. Anyone with anything for sale may bring their offerings to Capitan and place it on the market. Attention is called to the fact that trades days are also train days and this should add to the attractiveness of the undertaking, enabling the people to transact business with the railroad and enjoy the riding as well. Capitan is amply able to entertain a large gathering of people and the Commercial club hopes that this innovation will find ready and active support. Further information may be had from Neil H. Bigger president, or C. C. Merchant secretary of the club.—Contributed.

### COMMITTEE SUICIDE

Higher with deliberate suicidal intent or while under the influence of liquor to such an extent that he was not responsible for his actions, Everett Calvert, a young single man, who came to Carrizozo last Monday with a corps of government surveyors, shot himself through the body above the heart Tuesday evening. The weapon used was a .32 caliber revolver. The young man died from the effects of the wound Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

The surveyors are camped near the Tiniquity Bros. feed yard, where the shooting occurred. It was known that the deceased had been drinking more or less all day, and his associates noticed that Calvert had spells of despondency but if he was nursing any particular trouble he kept it to himself.

Immediately after the shooting Dr. R. T. Lucas was called in on the case. The physician saw that the wound was a fatal one, and made known to the injured man that if he had anything to communicate that he had better talk it he felt like it. Calvert smiled and talked to the medical man, and expressed no regret for his rash act. On the contrary, he said he was sorry that the shot had not brought immediate death.

It was learned that the mother of the deceased lived at Cincinnati, Ohio, and word was sent her there of the death of her son. She immediately wired that the remains be sent to Louisville, Ky., her old home where the burial will take place.

## MANY TREES DIE IN COURT SQUARE

County Should See to It That Trees Are Given Ample Care and Protection in the Future.

### LACK OF CARE CAUSE OF YOUNG TREES' DEATH

It is with considerable regret that we call the attention of our citizens to the premature death of the majority of the young shade trees which were planted in the rear courthouse yard this spring. There were in all about sixty of these trees, purchased at considerable expense to the taxpayers of the county, and with the proper treatment would have been the producers of much fine shade in a few years, to say nothing of beautifying the only public park to which Carrizozo can lay claim.

While we lament the loss of these trees, such lamentation cannot bring them back to life. They were in full vitality and health when planted. The soil is good and would insure the growth of any kind of shrubbery peculiar to this section. It seems not too much to say that these trees, which were the pride of all the citizens of the town, died of neglect and lack of water, or probably an improper rooting during planting. The rooting, however, can hardly have much to do with the life of a tree, provided the plant is in healthy condition, and the soil is in proper condition to receive it.

About fifty five of these trees are as worthless now as many dead sticks protruding from the ground.

They are an eye sore to the people who paid for them, and the people demand that something be done. All that can be done now is to remove the dead wood, replace the plants, and then see to it that they have that intelligent care and attention so necessary to the healthful growth of trees. The sooner this is done the better.

Let us have the trees. But by all means, when they are replanted let us keep them alive, so that in a few years our town can boast of a park as attractive as any in the state. The city has plenty of water, and water is the most essential element in the life of a tree, after it is properly rooted in the ground. We will not make the same mistake twice.

### HUGHES THE CHOICE

Carlo (Doc) Herald—Charles L. Hughes for President is the choice of the Republican voters—just voters, not the bosses. No act of expert hand pickers, no combination of favorite sons "hand-picked" by Hughes to the people. The favorite sons formed an alliance against him. Those who sometimes assume to do the thinking of the voters were not the promoters of his candidacy. No interests with ulterior purposes to serve clamored for his nomination. Only the plain everyday class of voters—the men on the farms and the men in the stores, the shops and the mines, who believe in the principles of the party and cast its vote—demanded him of the party.